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Notes from KK4BK (Brian)

Dear SWARC members,

It was nice to see folks at JARSfest. Long time HAM friends, friends from the radio that I'd yet to have an "eyeball QSO" with and the folks that were just walking by that I could say "hello" to. And, like KD4MC, I did not win any of the raffles or door prizes.

Like JARS, we have a Raffle going on as well. It is South Wake's only fund-raising operation of the year. The Raffle for first prize is a TYT MDUV380 DMR radio and hotspot. Second prize is an Alinco DM-330MV switching power supply. "Just like the Lotto – ya can't win if you do not buy a ticket!"

Winter Field Day is approaching. January 24th and 25th. Plan to operate from "H"ome, "M"obile, "I"ndoor or "O"utdoors. Each will offer you an opportunity to participate. For those wanting to operate – NOT from home, don't forget that South Wake has a HAM Shack at the Legion. If there is interest -- we can set up in a 1000-foot area (300 meters for you metric folks) for the club to operate. Reach out to me if you are game to play radio outside.



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Shortly after WFD is the NCQSO Party on March 1st, 2026. The South Wake ARC is again sponsoring the Single Op, Non-NC Phone High Power award. I'm aware you can't win this – UNLESS you travel to SC or VA (just an option). Please put it on your calendar so you can participate.

As has been customary for more years than I have been around, the Holiday Party will be December 3rd. Please bring you significant other and family members. There will be no presentation, just some brief club business. It's a time to be with Family and Friends. The club will provide a HAM, and I know one other person is bringing a turkey and stuffing. NOW, you can plan your plate as well.

Don't forget Club Dues are ... Due. Your dues help with lots of activities within the club. Beginning with the funds paid to the KQ4RCH Danny Hampton Memorial Club for use of the 145.21 repeater. Refer to the **MEMBERSHIP** header found below in the newsletter for instructions on how to become or renew a membership.

Please remember our fellow hams who are dealing with various medical situations. Please reach out to these folks. Even a phone call can brighten their day and give them encouragement through their recovery.

We ask you to keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:



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Gary, KO4LQX, Mike, KD4MC, Penny Krum (recovering from eye surgery) and Kenny, KJ4CVK.

Gary Plante, KO4LQX, reports:

Hope you and the gang are doing well and have a happy Thanksgiving. Things are still the same for me at this time. I will probably know more after my scans 12-23-25 and oncology appointment 12-30-25. Thanks for checking in and Happy Thanksgiving!

Kenny, KJ4CVK, is in an assisted living facility, in Lillington.

Mike, KD4MC, had a hip replacement on Friday, 24 October, and he hopes to be allowed to drive soon.

de KK4BK

Notes from KO4ZFO (Rodney)

Happy Holidays all!

Thank you all for making this a great year for South Wake ARC. We had a great Summer Field Day and many interesting presentations throughout the year. I hope you and your families have a safe and



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warm holidays; and I look forward to an exciting year ahead.

We still a few club T-shirts left, so reach out to me for size availability. Thanks again for making South Wake ARC a club to be proud of and a place to call home.

Lastly, please help out with our Nets. Our Net controllers love to call the Net, but we need more people to step up and assist with being a backup or temporary Net controller when one of us is out for family or medical situations. There are so many Nets out there these days, but very few are a daily Net, and if we don't all pitch in, the current Net operators get burned out. Also, thank you to all of our Net controllers. You guys don't hear it enough, and I appreciate you doing what you do. Nothing gets Hams more involved into Ham radio, than running a local Net. It is the one time of day, that you know that another Ham will be on the air and listening. Think about that for a minute. If we have a major disaster, this is the one time of day that Hams in your community are already in the habit of turning the radio ON.

Thank you again for being a part of the club, community, and ham family!

de KO4ZFO

South Wake ARC Vice-President



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SWARC 1 Oct 2025 Board Meeting

Information unavailable from Secretary at time of printing and will be included in next month's newsletter

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See remarks on the Board Meeting above.

SWARC 5 Nov 2025 Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 5, 2025 6:30pm - 7:00pm

1. Brian sent out the final draft of the Memorandum of Agreement between SWARC and the American Legion Post 116. We plan to finalize approval at next meeting. Most significant is the relationship with CERT and SWARC.
2. JARSFEST: Brian got table 50 and the raffle prize ordered (DMR TYT). Tickets are now on sale for \$5 each. Drawing on Field Day. 200 tickets are made so far.
3. December SWARC menu: ham.



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4. Need Help: January 8 Legion General Meeting dinner; need 6 volunteers to simply serve.
5. NC QSO Party - Single / Non-NC / Phone / High Power sponsorship award was approved again as an on-going sponsorship.
6. NC State Fair expenses: Travis, KN4WJL, is asking clubs/individuals for financial assistance with expenses; he has asked us to hold off on our \$300 commitment until some others come in.
7. FV Christmas parade with CERT. See Rodney for info or to assist.
8. Congrats to Rodney being appointed Wake County AUXCOMM Emergency Coordinator.

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Thanks to all who brought things for us to eat.

This was a nicely attended meeting, the food and fellowship were great!



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Attendees: Richard (KR4LH), Dave, (NW3U) and Penny, Rich (KZ4ET) and Jane, Christy (KJ4AEO), Don (KN4OEY), Paul (KN4GNI), Brian (KK4BK), Mike (KD4OKR), Steve (NC4SW), Tom (KC2QVD), Robert KQ4GSA), Rodney (KO4ZFO), Bill (KK4QDZ), Michael (KD4RFD), Dean (WB4HSF), Navin (KF4LFW), and Ken (KN4GUS).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Christy provided us with two reports for this newsletter. October saw income of \$172.00, expenses of \$373.89 and ending balance of \$2,889.81. November's activity included income of \$179.00, expenses of \$50.00 for remaining balance of \$#,018.81. If you have questions about these reports, please address them to Christy.

Public Service

To learn more about future events, you can go to <https://hpsnc.org/>. The public service season is complete for 2025 so check the website above early in 2026 for upcoming events.

Check the HPSNC.org web site often for Public Service opportunities. The public service season is very active and events need volunteers. You may also get to public service events on the RARS and SWARC websites.



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MEMBERSHIP

It is now time to renew your membership, if you have not already done so. You can pay at a meeting or send a check to the PO Box – OR ->

We currently have a link on our website which allows you to pay your dues or make a donation. Please let us know when you pay online by emailing me, so that I can ensure your payment is marked either for dues or a donation. The link for SWARC dues is:

https://urldefense.com/v3/__https://square.link/u/h0LLrbD6?src=sms/

You can bring a check or cash for dues to the next meeting or mail them to the club PO box and Christy will advise she has received them. Also, you can now renew online by contacting Christy and giving her the appropriate credit card info for the 'Square' account. Christy's email is christyfernandini@outlook.com. Make checks payable to South Wake ARC and send to South Wake ARC – PO Box 1565 – Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

NET REPORT

We will no longer be reporting monthly net numbers in the newsletter.

Very few net controls record their counts, so numbers could be significantly higher than what is recorded on the spreadsheet.



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If you are a net control, please try to document your check-ins so that we can justify the trustee's provision of the repeater for our nets and other uses. **If you need help with the spreadsheet, send KR4LH a copy of your handwritten log and he will enter them. Text Richard at 830-515-9762 with a picture of your log.**

- Sunday evenings - KR4LH
- Monday evenings - KO4ZFO
- Tuesday evenings – KD4OKR
- Wednesday evenings except on meeting nights – KD4MC
- Thursday evenings – KN4OEY
- Friday evenings - NC4MP
- Saturday evenings – KK4BK

- And we need backups – JUST BECAUSE.

Welcome to new substitute net controllers: CD Murphy (KM4IJK), Bryant Byrd (KQ4UHZ), Al Kinnamon (WA3JJG), Navin Kalicharan (KF4LFW) and Mark McFarland (KD7AAG).

Please contact Brian Knox (KK4BK), if you are interested in calling one or more nets. **If you are a scheduled net controller and you are not able to call your net, please reach out and ask someone else to call it for you!**



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SWARC Mission Statement

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of its members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service. Refer to the SWARC web site for the Board of Directors/Officers and Appointed Positions.

LINKS (if you have other links that you want added, send them to me)

PRN

A Wide Area Digital Amateur Radio Network

www.ncprn.net

GigaParts

www.gigaparts.com

QRZ

www.qrz.com

Ham Radio Outlet HRO

www.hamradio.com



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Raleigh Amateur Radio Society RARS

www.rars.org

Johnson Amateur Radio Society JARS

www.jars.net

South Wake Amateur Radio Club SWARC

www.southwakearc.com

Carolina 440 Network

www.carolina440.net

North Carolina Packet

www.ncpacket.com

TARPN (Terrestrial Amateur Packet Radio Net)

www.tarpn.net

Useful Ham Info

www.torborg.com/a

Five County Ham Radio Enthusiasts

www.fivecountyhre.org

Ham Study (Exam Tools)

www.hamstudy.org

Due to formatting issues, I will forward the most recent ARRL News to all members, regardless of your membership in ARRL or not!